Slough Borough Council Best Value Commissioners

10 April 2024

To: Stephen Taylor, Monitoring Officer, Slough Borough Council [by email]

Dear Stephen,

Commissioners' Decision on appointment of Interim Executive Director Finance and Commercial Service (S151 Officer).

On 5 April 2024, the Commissioners decided to appoint Annabel Scholes as Executive Director Finance and Commercial Service (S151 Officer) for Slough Borough Council from 7 May 2024.

As you are aware, the Secretary of State's Directions pursuant to his powers under section 15(5) and (6) of the Local Government Act 1999 and in accordance with Annex B, paragraph 4 of the Direction dated 01 Sept 2022, give Commissioners powers to exercise the functions of the Council relating to the appointment and designation of persons as statutory officers. The appointment was made following a recruitment exercise carried out by a number of external recruitment agencies who put forward a pool of candidates to be considered for this role. Denise Murray, the Finance Commissioner carried out the interviews, and was supported by Will Tuckley (Interim Chief Executive and Head of Paid Services designate) and Councillor Wal Chahal, Deputy Leader, and Lead for Financial Oversight & Council Assets as observers.

Annabel Scholes will be appointed on an interim contract for a period of six months working a 9-day fortnight at a daily rate of £1,375 (including agency margin). This amount is the cost that will be incurred by Slough Borough Council, noting the amount actually received by the individual will be lower. The Council is intending to simultaneously commence permanent recruitment for this role.

This appointment will be formally reported to the next full meeting of the Council on 25 April 2024 where the Council will be invited to note the Commissioners' decision.

Yours sincerely,

Gavin Jones, Lead Commissioner

Denise Murray, Finance Commissioner

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